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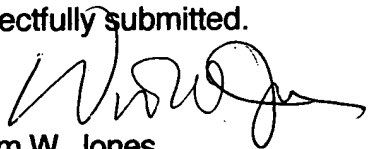
Dear Sir:

This is a request for continued examination under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.114. This is an RCE of copending patent application USSN 10/775,692, filed February 10, 2004. The title of the invention is "Holding System for Accessory Instruments, Especially in Minimally Invasive Surgery". The inventors are Knut M. Schwarz et al. Enclosed is an amendment of the parent application.

Our Docket No. is H-1351 CIP.

Our check in the amount of \$ 1,000.00 is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted.


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